

function as a guild under by-laws similar to or acceptable to organized labor with the express desire that a guild thus formed have its fee schedule accepted by organized labor so that should legislation now pending infringe upon the rights of the medical men as governed by the above-described fee schedules, then this guild could affiliate with the two branches of organized labor to further the practice of medicine in the State of California.

Concerning comment on the above, it is possible that the publicity given to the Association of American Physicians and Surgeons of Gary, Indiana, may have had somewhat to do with the organization of the San Francisco Guild. (For reference to A.A.P.S., see CALIFORNIA AND WESTERN MEDICINE, for April, page 234.)

That such a movement should have taken definite form is an indication of the trend of thought by many well-known members of the medical profession. (For press items in this issue, see p. 102.)

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Vol. I, No. 1 of *The Bulletin of the Alameda County Medical Association*, is a 6 x 9 publication of 40 pages. In format and contents this first issue of August, 1945, is a distinct credit to Editor Milton H. Schutes, M.D., Executive Secretary Rollen W. Waterson and their associates.

From the opening editorial the following excerpts will reveal somewhat of the story of this welcome addition to the group of the other excellent bulletins of C.M.A.'s component county societies. *THE OFFICIAL JOURNAL* of the California Medical Association extends all good wishes.

Excerpts follow:

"GOOD MORNING DOCTOR!

"Meet the new member—THE BULLETIN of the Alameda County Medical Association!

"Examine it critically. It is Volume I, Number 1, and is already sitting quite pretty, thanks to its business management. It is its own prediction of a never ending line of volumes. Don't be in a hurry to ease it into your wastebasket. It may some day become a valued collectors' item!

"THE BULLETIN will come to you once a month, along with your office bills, loaded from front to back cover with information of interest; most of it factual, some of it debatable, a little of it humorous and gossipy, with possibly a bit of detritus now and then.

"Its overall purpose is to keep you informed of what your association is doing and of what your officers and committeemen are thinking and planning. More specifically, each issue will include the minutes of the association and its council and committees, the president's message, notices from the recording secretary and the executive secretary, a calendar of meetings of the association and of hospital staffs, editorials by members of the editorial board, a column for you in which to cheer or gripe or otherwise expose yourself, a column for the Bureau of Medical Economics, one for hospital news, one for the Woman's Auxiliary, and another for vital statistics from the city and county health departments, and only very occasionally, we hope, one for obituaries. . . .

"THE BULLETIN will serve not only as a bill-board for the association, but also for a carefully selected group of commercial firms in trimutual benefit. Their advertisements will be conveniently placed for your easy informative inspection.

"Your general approval is anticipated, Doctor. But, whether it be a little boutonniere or a big bronx-cheer, this new member, like the meandering brook, will go on—and it could be, forever."

WOMAN'S AUXILIARY TO THE CALIFORNIA MEDICAL ASSOCIATION

Letter from C.M.A. President Philip K. Gilman

To the Members of the California Medical Association:

In the past year, particularly the first half of 1945, it has been the pleasure of the officers of the C.M.A. to come into a more frequent and closer contact with the Woman's Auxiliary to the California Medical Association than we have enjoyed in recent war years. During the course of this contact I have had a good chance to evaluate the work of the Auxiliary and to assess the function which this organization has played and can play in furthering the ends of scientific medicine.

In my opinion, the Woman's Auxiliary is one of the finest instruments the medical profession has for the advancement of our aims. Unfortunately, the Auxiliary has not always been extended the leadership necessary to achieve its full potential; unfortunately, in some areas the Auxiliary is looked upon as an extraneous growth or is merely tolerated by the busy doctors in the medical society. In one or two spots there has even been some antagonism toward the formation of county auxiliary units.

The busy women who make up the Woman's Auxiliary are working for the good of their husbands. They are willing to devote endless time and boundless energy in carrying out the aims and ideals of their husbands' medical organizations. In short, they represent a tremendous resource which I fear we may have overlooked in past times.

Let us now acknowledge the good work the Woman's Auxiliary has done in the past. And let us now determine that this good work will be carried on and expanded in the future. Let us encourage our good wives in their efforts to help us in our profession. If the Auxiliary unit in your county is not functioning actively, lend some aid; supply some leadership. If there is no unit in your county, or if the unit is temporarily dormant, get behind it.

Let your wives in on your organization problems; you may be surprised at how much help they can give you. Ask them to your meetings, particularly when problems of medical economics are to be discussed. See that they are enabled to meet regularly, to hear qualified speakers and to take an active part in the social and economic side of medical practice. Their energies and accomplishments will repay you manifold for the little effort it will take on your part to extend a helping hand.

The California Medical Association has recently gone through a period of great economic and political stress. The temporary lull right now will again be replaced by even greater demands on our members if scientific, ethical private medical practice is to survive. In the task ahead of us there is a vital job that the Woman's Auxiliary can do. And it will do this job, or any other we ask, if we will only point the way and supply the encouragement.

Let's get behind the Woman's Auxiliary to the fullest and harness the great power residing in its members. Released, this power will do tremendous good for the medical profession.

PHILIP K. GILMAN, M.D., *President*.

I don't know who my grandfather was; I am much more concerned to know what his grandson will be.
—Abraham Lincoln. (*Gross, Lincoln's Own Stories*, p. 12.)